



Partnering to Make a Difference in Syria

A simple linen kit is unpacked at a NuDay-supported clinic. Additional containers of medical supplies are also sent care of SAMS for hospitals.

We're called *Partners for World Health (PWH)* for good reason. Without our partners, we couldn't successfully do what we do. We rely on hundreds of volunteers to collect, sort, store and prepare medical supplies and equipment for shipment. We depend on individuals, hospitals, clinics, surgical centers and other medical facilities to donate supplies. To ensure these supplies reach healthcare providers in underserved countries, we partner with numerous non-political, non-profit medical relief organizations. Getting medical supplies to the right people in conflict-ridden Syria is a particularly daunting challenge, and we couldn't have successfully shipped three containers in the last 18 months to Syria without the assistance of two non-profit international aid organizations: the Syrian-American Medical Society (SAMS) and NuDay Syria. SAMS distributes through a network

of medical personnel in more than 100 medical facilities in Syria, some of them located underground or in caves to avoid airstrike damage. NuDay Syria, based in Derry, N.H., and founded by Nadia Alawa, focuses on sustainable aid for widows and orphans. In 2018, NuDay Syria shipped a PWH-loaded container from Portland via Turkey to northwestern Syria where on-the-ground staff organized and distributed medical equipment and supplies to medical clinics and partner medical facilities. Over the past two years, NuDay Syria shipped 53 containers packed with medical supplies, clothing, food, and toys to conflict zones in northern Syria. With the Syrian conflict now in its eighth year, we're extremely proud to have such brave and dedicated partners help us pursue our mission where Partners for World Health is needed most.

Message from Elizabeth McLellan Founder and President of Partners for World Health

For the past several years, volunteer Leslie Grimes-Fisher, RN, has donated a hand-sewn quilt to PWH, which we raffle in conjunction with our Annual International Craft Fair in December. Leslie's quilt is an excellent representation of how we "stitch together" many elements to accomplish our mission. The pieces include: the energy of volunteers who collect serviceable medical and hygiene supplies for redistribution to people in need around the world and here in Maine; orchestrating medical missions to developing countries; and providing quality volunteer experiences.

I started PWH in my basement many years ago. Now, we depend on the contributions of hundreds of people to move us forward and grow. Thanks to these individuals, PWH is a rich mosaic of people, effort and commitment that allows us to grow.



We need your financial support. Donate online at partnersforworldhealth.org or mail your gift to 40 Walch Drive, Portland, Maine 04103.

Help us make a life-saving difference today.





USM Community Health Instructor Joanna Russell with Senegalese mothers.

USM Community Health Partnership and PWH: United for Action for Project 10,000

With the support of USM Nursing faculty member Joanna Russell, students in the Community Nursing Partnership are delving into global health through a focus on PWH's Project 10,000. This multi-year effort has involved several components: providing a birthing kit for pregnant women, devising a simple tool to reduce postpartum hemorrhage, offering educational materials based on WHO antenatal guidelines, and refining survey tools to ensure measurement of post-birth outcomes. USM Nursing students also participated in routine warehouse sorting activities that illuminated their awareness of supplies and equipment for other fields. "An unexpected benefit of the program was the mentorship provided by PWH's team of retired nurses. The interactions formed a very

valuable community of practice that had a lot of benefits," Joanna said. The students created valuable materials: a culturally appropriate customizable curriculum, fact sheets, and informational handouts for other medical professionals participating in PWH missions implementing Project 10,000. The partnership will continue to implement a recently approved research study titled, "PWH/USM Senegalese Prenatal Care" through May 2019.

"What impresses me most about PWH, however, is not the vast amount of medical waste that has been recycled to save lives, but the compassionate and dedicated volunteers who work diligently to help serve those in need."
~Fiona O., USM Nursing Partnership Participant.

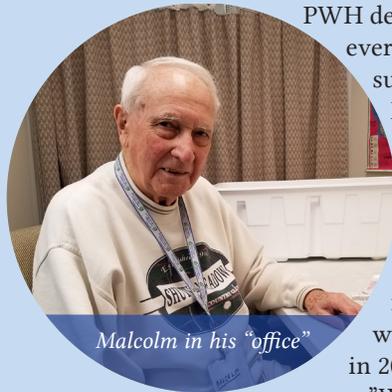


Save the Date!

**International
Craft Fair**

Sunday, December 8
2018

Volunteer Spotlight



Malcolm in his "office"

PWH depends on its more than 450 volunteers to do everything from sorting and organizing collected medical supplies to picking up donated items throughout New England. Meet Malcolm Graham, one of our most dedicated volunteers, who lives in the Ocean View Retirement Community in Falmouth. Born in Scotland, Malcolm has been volunteering at PWH since 2015 and is responsible for sorting and packing hundreds of needles, syringes, catheters and saline flushes. After being the sole caregiver for his wife, who lived with Alzheimer's disease and passed away in 2015, Malcolm found PWH through the internet. He says, "While the work isn't demanding, it gives me a lot of satisfaction to know that the items I sort will ultimately help someone who badly needs them. The unexpected reward of the work has been the pleasure in simply being here and surrounded by so many fine people, several of whom have become good friends." We're grateful for your dedication, Malcolm.



Sunday, August 12: 8:00 am 5K
Run from Old Orchard Beach
Pier to Goosefare Brook
and back.

REGISTER NOW AT: <http://runsignup.com/breakertobreaker>

- Pre-registration is \$30, or \$35 after August 4th.
- Free T-shirt for the First 100 people to register.
- Raise \$200 for PWH and get registration fee refunded!